

Review 1

TASK 1 Read the text below and decide which answers A, B, C or D best fits each gap.

Dumbing down

Recent researches 1 _____ that some everyday things decrease intelligence, and the results are guaranteed to 2 _____.

Reality TV has been under 3 _____ for a while. An Austrian study has revealed that watching reality shows actually makes you stupider. It's 4 _____ to say that many people had suspected this was the case. For the 5 _____ of the study, which involved two groups, one group of participants watched a reality show and then did a knowledge test. Those who had watched the show 6 _____ worse results than those who had not.

Food, too, can be a culprit. A Californian study showed that we need to be 7 _____ when it comes to sugar. Not only is it bad for our teeth and waistlines, but continued consumption slows the brain, and hinders memory and learning. Chewing gum, too, has come in for 8 _____. In Wales, scientists discovered that it 9 _____ short-term memory. Participants had to look at a group of items and then recall the items and the order in which they saw them. The group that had chewed gum before the test was not able to 10 _____ the task as well as those who had not.

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| 1. A comments | B indicates | C remarks | D observes |
| 2. A blast | B bother | C offend | D shock |
| 3. A fire | B threat | C pressure | D warning |
| 4. A candid | B bold | C wise | D fair |
| 5. A data | B reasons | C purposes | D observations |
| 6. A achieved | B reached | C managed | D succeeded |
| 7. A afraid | B considerate | C apprehensive | D cautious |
| 8. A notice | B criticism | C praise | D trouble |
| 9. A affects | B resist | C provokes | D solves |
| 10. A realise | B cope | C accomplish | D impress |

TASK 2 Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the sentence.

Progressive ideas

Our ancient forefathers were not _____ (IGNORANCE), yet it is usual to think of human progress as being very slow until more recent times.

In reality, the history of human _____ (ACHIEVE) is full of innovative and quite _____ (REVOLUTION) ideas dating back many thousand of years. Moreover, _____ (DEVELOP) that have been more recent, such as the _____ (INDUSTRY) Revolution, computers and the Internet, are not necessarily more important than those of the past.

So how do we measure the _____ (SIGNIFICANT) of an invention?

The question needs to be considered _____ (OBJECT). Let's look at information technology and compare the invention of the Internet and the invention of writing. Which had

the greater impact? Was it the change to a world with writing or the technical improvement that allows written _____ (INTERACT) to occur more easily?

The latter could not have developed without the former. In other words, in this important area of life, the really _____ (DRAMA) change occurred millennia ago. Like writing, there are other inventions that stand at the beginning of a long process of advancement, and it would be _____ (WISE) to suggest that social and economic change was largely absent until recent times.

TASK 3 Think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.

It's easy; just _____ the camera at your subject and then press this button.
The company will _____ their new ad campaign at the 16-24 age group.
Most people who _____ high are more hard-working than those who don't.

The conference delegates were shown to their _____ at the table.
Now that Jack's finally got his MBA and found a job, he's really going _____.
The friends were pleased when they were both offered _____ at the same university.

Charles went _____ out to get his dream job in public relations, and succeeded.
Ewan and James have an ambitious plan to ride their motorbikes _____ the way to Asia and back.
The suggestion that cameras be installed in their offices was not at _____ popular with the staff.

Undefended at the far _____, the player headed the ball into the net.
If there's no need to take it there yourself, you can just send it by _____.
His _____ on the web site was full of abbreviations, spelling mistakes and poor grammar.

He would rather be at home than at work, so he spends a lot of time watching the _____.
Marilyn turned back the _____ for her new design with an 80s theme.
You can't work around the _____, you also need some rest and relaxation.

TASK 4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

Eddie was one of the laziest people I knew, but that all changed once he got a job.
USED
Eddie _____, but that all changed once he got a job.

No one could believe how talented he was
TAKEN
We _____ his talent.

I'm afraid there was nothing else I could do.
CHOICE
I'm afraid I _____, I had to do it.

That's not what I said to the journalist and it was unfair of him to report it.

CONTEXT

The journalist _____, which was unfair.

How can you tell the websites apart when they're identical?

DISTINGUISH

How can you _____ when they're identical?

Sorry, I can't help you at the moment because I have too much to do.

PLATE

Sorry, but I have _____ to help you at the moment.

The problems we encountered were minor.

AGAINST

We _____, but they were minor.